

Activity Time Line and Responsibility:

PHASES I & II

The overall MMT subarea planning and implementation program called for in this Report may be viewed in some quarters as “ambitious.” The program does, however, affirm the importance of the City-County Comprehensive Plan’s objective of “developing a balanced transportation system that meets the needs of the community...” The goal of enhancing the “integration and connectivity” of our transportation system called for in Federal transportation legislation requires us to view the planning and programming process in perhaps a broader way than we have in the past.

A “MMT Subarea Planning Process” is but one small step in this direction. The subarea plans generated through this process offer a grassroots mechanism for detailing the projects and policies needed by our neighborhoods to achieve community-wide transportation goals.

The responsibility for formulating MMT Subarea Plans is a shared one – jointly held by the City and the entire community.

The City of Lincoln most assuredly must play the primary role in furthering the concept. Potential study areas should be identified over the ~~next six~~ three months following the adoption of this ~~Report~~ recommendation by the elected officials. This task should take into consideration areas already highlighted in the adopted Comprehensive Plan, as well as where interest is expressed by neighborhood organizations and business districts. This may include traditional neighborhoods and commercial districts (such as University Place, College View, or Havelock), as well as larger commercial areas (such as Westfield Mall-Gateway.)

The goal should be to complete ~~two~~ at least one subareas plans over the ~~next following~~ twenty four months ~~period and to work during this time for its implementation.~~ Following Upon completion and initial implementation of these ~~a~~ plans, the MMT subarea planning process should be reviewed by staff – in consultation with the community – to determine how the process might be improved and made more effective.

Public involvement during the preparation and adoption of these plans should be stressed. Local residents and business owners are most familiar with their neighborhoods. They have a fundamental understanding of how their area works. They can bring to the process critical and detailed background knowledge about the day-to-day functioning of their neighborhood.